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Dear Ms. Hesse

Under the Tunney Act the Department of Justice is required to provide a public comment period on the merits of the proposed settlement of the Microsoft Anti-Trust case. I gratefully accept this opportunity to participate in this public comment period.

Our new Attorney General, John Ashcroft and the Department of Justice were on target to actively pursue an equitable settlement with Microsoft. It is unfortunate that some states and several of Microsoft's competitors are insistent in their arguments that this case must continue to be prosecuted. In my view, this is proof that they are only focused on their own self-interest and not on the national economy or the growth of the technology industry.

It is unfortunate that companies like AOL and Oracle are apparently more interested in continuous legal wrangling instead of competing on the open market. Arguing that this case should continue ignores the major remedies found in this proposal. While I can only comment on those made public, it would seem to me that guaranteed flexibility for computer manufacturers, Microsoft's sharing of intellectual property and the establishment of a "policing" commission, all combine to create a very fair agreement.

I urge you to accept this settlement.

Sincerely,

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